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Requirements for [REDACTED]

1. Where does the USSR intend to produce the new 25,000 ton capacity tankers mentioned in the Sixth Five-Year Plan?
2. When the tonnage of the dry cargo and tanker fleets of the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet is referred to, what precisely is meant?
 - a. What sizes of ships are included?
 - b. Does tonnage refer to cargo-carrying capacity, GRT, deadweight, or some other measurement?
 - c. Are barges and non-self-propelled vessels included?
 - d. Are tugs and towing vessels included - if so, how are they treated?
3. Where are copies of the maritime and river registers of ships used and kept?
4. What are the regulations and practices regarding naval use of Ministry of the Maritime Fleet freighters and tankers?
5. What was the motivation behind the Soviet decision to discontinue tanker shipments of Black Sea petroleum to the Soviet Far East after the closure of the Suez Canal?
6. Is the recently launched Soviet diesel-electric tanker Ural actually a new tanker?
7. Where would copies of maritime and river freight rate handbooks be available?
8. Does the source have any familiarity with Soviet Ministry of the Maritime Fleet operating indices and performance statistics and their formulation?

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